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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004 wherein the claims were restricted into two groups:

- I. Claims 1 to 17 drawn to compounds
- II. Claims 18-26, drawn to methods of using compounds

Applicants elect the claims of Group 1 and furthermore, the species shown by Example 10, (1R)-1-{{(2S)-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-isopropyl-3-((3-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)amino)-2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)propanoyl}amino}propylboronic acid. Claims 1 to 17 are readable upon the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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